

Who We Are

The Tullamore Traveller Movement was launched in 1996 as a response to the needs of the local Traveller community. We have since become the Offaly Traveller Movement (OTM) and continue to work for Traveller rights and social justice throughout the county.

We are a community development organisation offering programmes and services responding to health, accommodation, youth, education, enterprise and human rights issues.

Our Vision

Full equality and social justice for Travellers in County Offaly

Our Mission

To empower Travellers and to work as a partnership of Travellers and settled people to achieve equality and social justice for Travellers in County Offaly

OTM Believes in

- Travellers as a Nomadic Ethnic Group
- Equality
- Social Justice

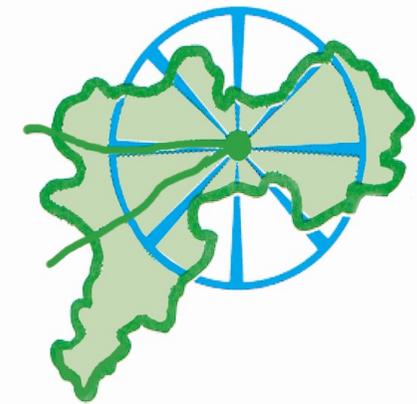
OTM Is Committed to

- Human Rights
- Community Development
- Empowerment
- Participation
- Partnership



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Health Programmes

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Our Programmes

Both the 'Our Geels' All Ireland Traveller Health Status Study (2010) and the Offaly Traveller Movement Community Consultation (2012) have found health to be a major concern for the Traveller community, with much poorer health outcomes than that of the majority population.

The Offaly Traveller Movement responds to this situation through a number of health focused programmes.

Primary Healthcare Programme

Working in Offaly since 2003, the Primary Healthcare Programme for Travellers uses a community development, peer led approach to improving the health of local Travellers.

Our 7 Community Health Workers are all members of the local Traveller community, providing information, advocacy and advice on a wide range of health related matters, promoting healthy lifestyles and linking the community with the HSE and other partners.

This essential front line service acts as a gateway between the local community and our other health programmes.

Community Development

This area of work and the post of Community Development Worker for Health have been in place since 2001, and is a core part of the organisation. Key areas of work include health policy, women's health, domestic violence, suicide awareness, and substance misuse. This role supports Travellers to participate on various policy structures and co-ordinates the Midland Traveller Health Network.

Mental Health

A major concern highlighted in the Offaly Traveller Movement Community Consultation (2012) was that of mental health, resulting in it becoming a central priority area for our work.

Our mental health social worker delivers the Travelling to Wellbeing service throughout Offaly which supports Travellers who are recovering from mental health difficulties.

We develop personalised recovery plans, offer professional, practical and emotional support, and work to break down barriers to Travellers in accessing mainstream mental health services.



Men's Health

Research shows that Traveller men have significantly poorer health outcomes than men in the majority population, and lack engagement with mainstream health services (AITHSS, 2010).

In order to address these findings, the Traveller Men's Health Programme supports a number of initiatives including:

- The Midlands Traveller Men's Health Network
- The OTM Horse Project
- Sports and leisure opportunities for Traveller men in Offaly
- Improving engagement of Traveller men with existing health services in Offaly
- Improving mental health awareness

Other programmes & services

We also offer an accommodation service, youth, education and enterprise programmes, and support around incidents of discrimination.

If you want more information, please speak with your local Community Health Worker or contact us using the details below:

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